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Residents are encouraged to volunteer at center

LANSING - How does the judicial branch of government affect the everyday lives of Michigan citizens? If you have an hour, volunteers at the Michigan Supreme Court Learning Center can tell you.

Ten volunteers completed an orientation program that prepared them to guide tours and to assist groups that visit the award-winning gallery. The Learning Center, which is located on first floor of the

Michigan Hall of Justice in Lansing, is designed to introduce school children and adults to the Michigan court system and a variety of law related topics. Visitors—a majority of whom are students—come away with a better understanding of the judicial branch of government.

"I like to keep busy and learn new things," says Genevieve Healy of Holt, who completed volunteer orientation. "The Hall of Justice seemed like an interesting place to volunteer."

"Volunteers make our tour program possible," says Learning Center Coordinator Rachael L. Drenovsky. "These talented people serve thousands of visitors per year."

To schedule a tour or become a volunteer, call 517-373-7229 or 517-373-5027. For more information about the Learning Center, visit http://courts.mi.gov/plc/.